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Amsterdam sailed on the 5th instant for New York, carrying passengers and freight. She carried 9 cabin and 393 steerage passengers and 171 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 65 pieces were disinfected and labeled. The health of the port of Rotterdam continues satisfactory.

Respectfully, A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: Three vessels have been cleared, carrying in all 4 passengers; 7 pieces of baggage have been disinfected. Copies of certificates given to masters of the ships and to the passengers are inclosed.

After a careful inspection of this port, I have the pleasure to report that the health of its inhabitants and the sanitary condition of the town are satisfactory. One death occurred during the past week—a native child—of snake bite.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Specimen certificate.

MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 11, 1900.*

This is to certify that the bearer, ——— ———, leaves this port to-day as a passenger on board the ———, bound to ——— ———.

The said ——— ——— has complied with all the rules prescribed by the Marine-Hospital Service for the government of passengers leaving the fruit ports of Central America for the United States, and his baggage has been disinfected under my supervision. His ultimate destination in the United States, as stated by him, is ——— ———.

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Description of the Mariveles Quarantine Station.

MANILA, P. I., *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the Mariveles Quarantine Station:

This place was selected as a quarantine station by the Spanish, and was partly equipped for the purpose of quarantining vessels, but there are no evidences that they bathed the crew and passengers arriving on infected vessels, as no bath houses exist and no buildings or means for disinfection. In fact, I have reliable information that this process was only carried out by the primitive process of burning sulphur in pots for the disinfection of the vessel, while little if any attention was paid to the disinfection of baggage.